

# Veterans Workshop

Congressman Jim Cooper's

Veterans Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

10am – 1pm

Hall of Flags Drill Hall

The Tennessee National Guard Armory

3041 Sidco Dr.

Nashville, TN 37204

\*FREE Claims Assistance

\*FREE e-Benefits Assistance

\*FREE Education information/voc rehab assistance

\*FREE auto/ housing information

\*FREE business loan assistance

\*FREE employment assistance, including information on an upcoming Veterans Job Fair

&hellip;AND MUCH MORE!!

All Veterans and families are invited to attend. Call (615) 736-5295 or e-mail [CooperVeteransWorkshop@gmail.com](mailto:CooperVeteransWorkshop@gmail.com) if you plan to attend or have any questions.

#### DIRECTIONS:

The Tennessee National Guard Armory is located at 3041 Sidco Dr. The workshop will be held in the Hall of Flags Drill Hall.

- I-65, take exit #79 to Armory Dr.
- Follow Armory for 0.9 miles then turn RIGHT onto Sidco Dr.
- After 0.3 miles, the Armory main visitor entrance gate will be on your right.

#### PARKING:

Once you arrive at the main visitor's gate right off Sidco Drive, you will be required to present a valid photo ID to the security officer. Let them know are attending the Veterans' event. Once you go through the gate, you will veer right through the parking lot until you reach the Drill Hall. The security guard will direct you to the parking lot, and additional National Guard members will guide you to the parking for the Drill Hall.

#### Service Providers Attending

- Rep. Jim Cooper's Congressional Liaison for Veterans Affairs
- VA Regional Office
- TN Valley Healthcare System
- TN Department of Veterans Affairs
- OEF/OIF/OND Transition Clinic and Program
- Employer Support of Guard and Reserve
- Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces

- TN Department of Labor
- Small Business Administration
- David Lipscomb University
- Vanderbilt University
- MTSU Military Center
- Austin Peay State University
- Operation Stand Down
- State of TN Military Order of the Purple Heart
- AMVETS
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
- Not Alone
- HUD Counselors
- TN State Veterans Homes
- TN National Guard Transition Assistance
- Women Veterans of America
- Project Healing Waters

- Tennessee Troops to Teachers
- National College of Business and Technology
- Daymar Institute
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- Nashville Public Library - Veterans History Project
- APSU - Veterans Upward Bound
- TRICARE/Humana Military Healthcare Services

Rep. Jim Cooper's Congressional Liaison for Veterans Affairs

#### VA Regional Office

VA provides forms to file for claims assistance; e-benefits sign up; compensation/pension; education/benefits; auto and housing information; allowance; vocational rehab; home loan guarantee; forms for discharge upgrade and correction of military records.

#### TN Valley Healthcare System

VA Hospital will have staff from the VA business office to explain services, help with registration issues, etc. Specific healthcare questions will be referred to patient advocates at the facility.

## TN Department of Veterans Affairs

Claims assistance; free license plates for certain service connected disabled vets, ex-POWs, etc.; property tax relief for Service Connected Disability; free hunting/fishing licenses; motor vehicle privilege tax exemption for 100% disabled vets.

## OEF/OIF/OND Transition Clinic and Program

Assistance with enrolling for VA healthcare and enrolling for enhanced combat eligibility; providing information related to mental health and medical issues related to deployment; providing education related to reintegration concerns.

## Employer Support of Guard and Reserve

Will promote their Employment Assistance Workshop that is scheduled to be held in Nashville on May 24-26, 2011. This is a three-day workshop that is free to all service members and veterans. Professionally-trained facilitators from the State Employment Services, Military Family Support Services, and Department of Labor contractors present at the workshop.

## Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces

Workshop attendees learn about job searches, career decision-making, and interview techniques.

## TN Department of Labor

Provide job search assistance to military veterans.

## Small Business Administration

David Tiller, Veterans Business Development Officer, and other SBA staff will offer assistance to Veterans, guardsmen, reservists, and their families related to obtaining SBA guaranteed loans, including Patriot Express loans and other SBA loans, programs and services.

## David Lipscomb University

Lipscomb Yellow Ribbon Program offers qualified vets of post-9/11 to attend the university tuition-free.

## Vanderbilt University

Provide information about the various educational programs and how VA education benefits can be applied at Vanderbilt University.

## MTSU Military Center

MTSU's military center assists military personnel, veterans, and their families as they pursue a college education and transition to successful careers.

## Austin Peay State University

Austin Peay State University understands the challenges that the military and veteran community faces. If you're stationed at Fort Campbell or retired in the Middle Tennessee area, you also will be able to take advantage of the many programs offered on-campus or on-line. The university also has Veterans Affairs office that can help you with your veterans needs.

## Operation Stand Down

OSDN offers services to veterans such as employment assistance, training, housing, benefits counseling, and referrals.

## State of TN Military Order of the Purple Heart

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a fraternal organization of Combat Wounded Veterans of all branches of the American Armed Forces. They provide assistance to all veterans in applying for Veteran's Administration benefits, and give support to Fisher House, Operation Stand Down, and to any Veteran in need.

## AMVETS

Provide VA Claims assistance to veterans and their dependents.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

A VFW service officer will be able to assist veterans with new VA claims. The VFW is a nationally chartered nonprofit vets service organization whose purpose is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great nation. They have been instrumental in establishing the Vets Administration and more recently fought hard to get the GI Bill of the 21st Century passed.

## Not Alone

Provide information about Combat Stress and PTSD. Not Alone provides online counseling and help to those in need of it, free of charge and confidentially. Even if the warrior does not need help themselves, they may know someone who does.

## HUD Counselors

Financial and housing counseling.

- Dominion Financial Management, Inc.
- Affordable Housing Resources

## TN State Veterans Homes

Purpose of the nursing care facility is to provide a home for TN Veterans who have honorably served our contry and are now in need of short term rehabilitation or long term care.

## TN National Guard Transition Assistance

Will help answer questions about Vets health benefits, disability and compensation, and burial benefits. The one-man office is responsible for briefing all 15,000 soldiers and airmen when they return from overseas regarding their state and federal VA benefits.

#### Women Veterans of America

Women Veterans of America is a service organization that advocates for all women veterans to ensure that they receive the same level of healthcare and benefits as our male veterans. We also serve as an outreach and education group to assist with the transition from military culture to civilian communities.

#### Project Healing Waters

Project Healing Waters serves in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and veterans through the art of fly fishing. Programs are now up and running in all TN VA major medical facilities as well as the WTU at Ft. Campbell.

#### Tennessee Troops to Teachers

Information on the opportunities for transitioning military personnel and veterans as they seek a second career in education.

#### National College of Business and Technology

Regional Director of Military Affairs for National College of Business and Technology will be available to discuss military/veteran educational grants and other educational benefits.

#### Daymar Institute

Representatives from the Nashville and Clarksville offices will provide information about educational opportunities we offer at our college campuses.

#### National Alliance on Mental Illness



NAMI Tennessee offers peer counseling services to veterans and their family members. On the day of the event we will be offering information on support groups and on our stigma-busting program for veterans with PTSD called In Our Own Voice.

#### Nashville Public Library - Veterans History Project

Iraq/Afghanistan and Persian Gulf veterans from Davidson County can find out how to participate in the Veterans History Project at the Nashville Public Library. Your story is important.

#### APSU - Veterans Upward Bound

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) provides free educational services to qualified veterans who are planning to enroll in college or technical school or take the GED Exam.

#### TRICARE/Humana Military Healthcare Services

Assist veterans with any TRICARE questions and concerns: Prima, Standard, Tricare for Life, Claims, Enrollment. Will have brochure of all Tricare benefits.